

# The Children's **FOUNDATION**

**The Children's Foundation Limited**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Report and Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2019**

**Registered number: 02528291**  
**Charity number: 1000013**



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Charity Name:	The Children's Foundation Limited
Registered Charity Number:	1000013
Registered Company Number:	02528291
Registered Office and Operational address:	Sir James Spence Institute of Child Health Royal Victoria Infirmary Queen Victoria Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 2YB

**Patron**

The Children's Foundation is honoured to have His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, Duke of York, as its Patron.

**Vice Presidents**

Professor Sir Al Aynsley-Green  
Professor Kim Bartlett  
Dr John Bridge  
Professor Sir Alan Craft  
Anne Galbraith OBE  
George Ross MBE  
Mr Peter Gavin  
Ms Lucy Winskell OBE  
Professor Stephen Singleton OBE

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**Trustees and Directors**

The Trustees who served during the period are noted below. The Trustees are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

Dr Martin Ward-Platt - Chair – resigned 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Mr Stephen Prior - Vice Chair – resigned 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Ms Dianne Winship – Acting Chair  
Mrs Philomena Marshall OBE – resigned 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Mr David Wood  
Mr Barry Speker OBE DL  
Ms Deirdre Pearson – resigned 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
Dr Sue Vernon  
Dr Anne Dale – appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019  
Mr John Treherne – appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

Dr Martin Ward-Platt sadly died in late July 2019. The Children's Foundation is extremely grateful for his guidance and support and all trustees and staff extend sincere condolences to his family.

**Head of The Children's Foundation**

Mr Tony Apicella – resigned 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Independent Auditors**

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149 High Street  
Gosforth  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE3 1HG

Yorkshire Bank  
Quayside House  
110 Quayside  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE1 3DX

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Jubilee House  
Gosforth  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE3 4PL

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ending 31 March 2019.

**Introduction**

The Children's Foundation is a child healthcare charity covering the North East of England and North Cumbria (following NHS boundaries).

**History**

The Children's Foundation was set up in August 1990 in response to a national report on child health that showed the health of children and young people in the North East was the worst in the country. Its first major appeal, the "Yellow Brick Road", raised £12 million in 4 years, a magnificent response by the people of the North East.

Over its 29 years The Children's Foundation has:

- Built the Sir James Spence Institute of Child Health at the RVI in Newcastle-upon-Tyne which has become a major national and international centre for research into children's diseases and disorders;
- Raised over £16 million for child health initiatives in the region;
- Led and funded a number of nationally important projects into areas such as parenting advice and child-safety;
- Seen its ambition of having "one of the finest centres in the world for the care of sick children" take shape in the form of The Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle.

**Purpose**

The Children's Foundation's purpose is to improve the health and well-being of children in the North East of England and North Cumbria.

**Revision to the Articles of Association**

New Articles of Association were agreed with the Charities Commission in January 2015 and have introduced new objectives for The Children's Foundation. These are;

(1) The promotion and preservation of good health and the relief of associated distress/disability/disadvantage, among children and young people generally and including both physical and mental health, by such means as the trustees shall from time to time determine.

(2) The promotion and support of research into the causes and effective treatment/alleviation of diseases, medical conditions and disabilities, both physical and mental, affecting children and young people, by such means as the trustees shall from time to time determine.

**Delivering Public Benefit**

The Children's Foundation is an independent child healthcare charity that raises money from Trusts and Foundations, individuals and the private and public sectors to fund its activities.

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All of The Children's Foundation's charitable activities are intended to contribute to the improvement of the health and well-being of children and young people and are undertaken in pursuance of its charitable objectives for the public benefit. To this end, it aims to reach as many children and families as possible through its projects.

In the period to 31 March 2019, The Children's Foundation reached the lives of over 14,000 children across the region.

**Current Activities**

The Children's Foundation currently manages and funds the following projects which are grouped under four aims for the purposes of this report.

**Aim 1 – Research:** This includes the Research Advisory Panel which selects research studies in line with the charity's charitable objectives. The Panel is not currently sitting and a review of the charity's future research aims is being undertaken.

**Aim 2 – Child Health Establishments:** This includes;

- 1) the Clown Doctors
- 2) provision of 3-D pain distraction equipment (V-Pods and 3D Glasses) into hospitals across the region
- 3) provision of tools such as sensory equipment into wards in the Great North Children's Hospital

**Aim 3 – Service Delivery:** This includes;

- 1) delivery of the 'Adamson Scholarship' Therapeutic Horticulture Project
- 2) Development and delivery of services and initiatives relating to the 'Because Minding Matters' appeal concerning children and young people's mental health and wellbeing

**Aim 4 – Community Partnerships and Support:** These include;

- 1) DASL<sup>NE</sup>
- 2) Regional Small Grants
- 3) Stars Awards
- 4) Nurture Project

**Aim 1 – Research**

**1) Research Advisory Panel (RAP)**

The Children's Foundation is currently reviewing its commitment to fund academic research into children's disabilities and disorders. Historically the charity has sought and funded pilot studies that have led to further research into programmes benefitting children's health on a national and international scale.

Over the period The Children's Foundation completed £7,540 funding of an 8 month study to explore the links between mental health and underlying pragmatic language ability. The study used an innovative observational tool to screen mental health difficulties in children and support schools in their identification of mental health difficulties. By undertaking the screening and mental health support in the school setting, the study aimed to streamline the delivery of children's mental health services by bridging the gaps between external mental health services, research and schools.

## **Aim 2 – Child Health Establishments**

### **1) Clown Doctors**



The Clown Doctors are provided by a local organisation called Tin Arts. The programme provides children and young people from across the North East and North Cumbria with vital therapeutic play during a stay in hospital, in line with the charity's aim to make a child's stay in hospital as stress free and comfortable as possible. Their method of artistic play helps children to understand and come to terms with their situation at a traumatic time in their lives.

During the period, The Children's Foundation provided over £20,000 of funding for the work of the Clown Doctors, enabling the delivery of 62 therapeutic play sessions during which the Clown Doctors have engaged with 1,555 children. The Clown Doctor programme successfully delivered into the Great North Children's Hospital at the RVI, Newcastle, Sunderland Royal Infirmary and The University Hospital of North Durham, Treetops Ward during the year.

The charity is also currently exploring a new project to place Clown Doctors at a local hospice to support children attending for respite care.

The charity continues to work to ensure sustainability of delivery of the Clown Doctors valuable work in hospitals across the region.

### **2) 3-D Pain Distraction Equipment (V-pod)**

The V-pod uses "extended 3-D" to distract children from routine but unpleasant procedures. They come with specially designed programmes that calm and engage children who are otherwise stressed and upset about the things that may be happening to them in hospital, such as giving blood or having dressings changed.

The Children's Foundation has funded V-Pod units at four regional hospitals as part of its aim to make the hospital environment as comfortable and stress-free as possible for the children and their families. This includes two units which were installed in Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital and South Tyneside District Hospital in the period.

The charity has also funded two pairs of 3D glasses for South Tyneside District Hospital's Paediatric Diabetic Clinic. The glasses can be used for a similar purpose to the larger units but are portable and can be used quickly to ease anxiety during treatments which means their application can be more widespread.

### Aim 3 – Service Delivery

#### 1) Therapeutic Horticulture Projects

The **Therapeutic Horticulture** project has proved a huge success. The project aims to introduce the benefits of gardening and horticulture for mental and physical wellbeing to disadvantaged young people by developing a school "Our Garden". The young people also have the opportunity to pursue a career in horticulture through The John and Florence **Adamson Scholarship**, which enables them to gain the tuition required (Northumberland College, Kirkley Hall Campus) to work towards a City and Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Practical Horticulture. The "Our Garden" element works alongside the scholarship, offering opportunities for children in the wider school to be outdoors experiencing nature which is recognised to have a positive impact on their behavior, development and wellbeing.



The Southlands School project in North Tyneside was the first school to be involved when the programme began in September 2014. Since then the project has expanded into **Walbottle School**, Newcastle and within the autism provision at **Farrington Academy** in Sunderland.

Due to timetable restrictions a decision was made to not continue in Farrington Academy in 2018/19 however, in September 2018 the project successfully expanded into **Hillcrest School**, Cramlington.

Across the three schools 20 pupils benefitted from support and tuition with 19 developing sufficient confidence in gardening and practical horticulture to sit the City & Guilds Level 1 exam. This Equates to a 95% percent pass rate for this academic year and a 93% pass rate overall.



The charity aims to continue to expand this project across the region with a key focus of delivery in Special Education Needs (SEN) schools or specialist units within mainstream comprehensives such as SEN units or Autism provisions. The planned outcome is that the young people involved will achieved a qualification enabling them to apply for a place at Agricultural College or an apprenticeship in a horticultural business such as a Garden Centre.

CUMULATIVE		
pupils started course (2014)	pupils achieved Level 1	% achieved Level 1
30	29	97%
13	12	92%
6	5	83%
7	6	86%
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(2019)56	52	93%

## **2) Because Minding Matters**

In 2015, The Children's Foundation recognised the growing problem of child mental health issues challenging the North East. In response, the charity launched the 'Because Minding Matters' appeal to address, support and work collaboratively within the region to identify the most prevalent issues facing children and identify interventions to tackle them.

As a result of this The Children's Foundation worked in partnership with Mythical Mechanical Monstrous Masterclasses (4M) to develop a two-hour mental health workshop about anxiety, depression, self-harm and help using puppets to represent each issue to increase children's engagement with these topics, deliver key information about them and create opportunities for active participation from the children.

The educational workshops aim to:

- De-stigmatise mental health disorders in children through increased engagement, fun and theatrical representation.
- Make children aware of the symptoms, characteristics and triggers
- Increase awareness of coping mechanisms and where and how they may get help and support
- Prompt ongoing discussion and classroom activities to create a thriving, transparent wellbeing environment.

#### **Aim 4 – Community Partnerships and Support**

##### **1) DASL<sup>ne</sup> (a database of children with ASD living in the North East of England)**



DASL<sup>ne</sup> aims to provide accurate information about the number of children with ASD living in the North East. First launched in October 2003 it is recognised as a centre of excellence for research and advice and is also a model for other regions and a national family research database. The project works closely with ASD-UK on the study of additional difficulties for children with ASD.

During the period there has been no funding requirement for DASL<sup>ne</sup> with remaining funds held to support any future events, workshops or conferences.

##### **2) Regional Small Grants**

The Children's Foundation Regional Small Grants programme supports community projects that benefit children and young people across the region with grants of up to £1,000. These grants provide much needed funding to small, local projects and over the past 23 years The Children's Foundation has awarded over £302,724 to over 360 community projects in the North East benefitting 55,505 children since 2005 when numbers started to be recorded,

In this period the Regional Small Grants panel has awarded £12,609 to 13 Community Projects in the region benefitting 1,630 children, including £3,369 to a special round supporting cerebral palsy projects.

##### **3) Stars Awards Ceremony**

Since 2007 the Children's Foundation has hosted an award ceremony, known as the Stars Awards for children with disabilities, their parents and carers in recognition of the challenges they face on a daily basis. The Stars Awards honours their many accomplishments, but it also provides an important opportunity for the families to recognise they are not alone in facing their many challenges.

The Children's Foundation once again recognised the children of the region at the Biscuit Factory on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 when 18 individuals were awarded with their special certificates and medals from Steve & Karen of Metro Radio. This prestigious event was sponsored by Intu Eldon Square and attended by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle David Cook.

To date The Children's Foundation has given out 245 awards.

#### **4) Nurture Project**

During the year the charity has developed and begun to deliver the Nurture Project, supporting students with autism or communication and social development issues in Academy 360, Pennywell, Sunderland.

The Nurture Project works alongside educational staff to enhance and enable therapeutic opportunities for students. The project is working to provide a holistic model that enhances students' supported educational provision and embraces and empowers opportunities for social and emotional development.

#### **Financial Performance**

The charity has continued to work on its fundraising and income generation throughout the year, and continues to meet its reserves policy (see below) whilst working on developing and implementing new work streams.

Income from Trusts & Foundations through the year was £46,566 compared to £107,827 in the previous year, however this variation is largely accounted for by one grant of £44,000 being received in the 2017-18 period. Greater emphasis on future applications has now been agreed with dedicated staffing focus on grant applications.

#### **Reserves policy**

Board policy remains that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the charity should be a minimum of six months of the resources expended. The implementation of the fundraising and income generation strategy means that the unrestricted 'free' reserves stand at £91,049, of which £12,262 is designated. For the period 2019-20 budgeted central unrestricted expenditure totals £53,700 for six months indicating careful monitoring and adherence to policy.

Restricted funds amount to £112,184 as detailed in note 17 to the accounts. These are held specifically for the current charitable projects (listed on page 6).

#### **Income and Expenditure**

**Income:** Over the reporting period 2018-19, The Children's Foundation raised a total of £143,185 compared to the previous period's total of £232,464.

**Expenditure:** Operational expenditure totaled £210,902 of which £148,958 was on charitable activities to support a range of projects fulfilling the overall aims of the charity.

**Net movement:** Overall there was a deficit of £67,717 in the year, with £39,357 relating to drawdown of funds to support charitable activities.

**Comment:** Work continues to increase Trust and Foundation applications to provide ongoing support to the charitable projects. This is alongside the overall fundraising strategy to maintain the unrestricted reserves and allow for designation of funds to charitable projects.

## **Future Plans**

The charity remains committed to providing:

- Further delivery of the 'Because Minding Matters' awareness puppetry project into schools across the region;
- Maintenance and potential extension of the Clown Doctor Programme in The Great North Children's Hospital and Sunderland Royal Hospital with funding for continuing delivery in Durham Treetops ward being actively sought;
- Continuation of the Regional Small Grants with the move to two larger grant rounds in the next year;
- Continuation and further expansion of the Therapeutic Horticulture project within Southlands School, Walbottle School, and Hillcrest School, with the potential additional expansion into further schools;
- Ongoing development of the Nurture Project within Academy 360 Sunderland.

The charity is also working to extend its current projects with exciting new initiatives to support parent and baby bonding, literacy and expand its work to support children and young people's mental wellbeing.

## **Governance**

The Children's Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. As stated earlier in this report the memorandum and articles of association by which the charity is governed were revised in January 2015. The Children's Foundation's Board of Management is ultimately responsible for the actions of the charity and to ensure proper management and operational performance. The Children's Foundation is also regulated by the Charity Commission's charity law and practice.

## **Board of management**

A Board of Management, which currently meets every two months and was made up of five Trustees as at March 2019, manages The Children's Foundation. The Board is representative of a wide range of regional and professional interests including members from local business and health care organisations in the region. The maximum and minimum number of the Committee members is determined by the Company in general meetings. There is no maximum number; the minimum number of Committee members is five with a quorum of three. The Board is responsible for the development, implementation and management of the organisation's strategy. Where necessary and appropriate, the Board can also appoint Executive Committees, Working Groups and Sub-committees to manage particular projects and specific activities.

Appointments to the Board are made by the Board Members. Members serve for a four year term and will normally serve for a maximum of two full terms, although exceptions are made for Trustees who contribute particular skills or knowledge. Trustees are elected at the company's Annual General Meeting and are subject to periodic re-election at the AGM.

### **Operational management**

The day to day operations of The Children's Foundation are managed by a core team located in its offices at the RVI. Over the period staff were supported by and reported to The Head of The Children's Foundation until his resignation in October 2018, and who in turn reported directly to the Board of Management. Since the departure of the Head and prior to the replacement of the role the Trustees have been providing additional support to the team. Regular reports are submitted at Board Meetings and there is close liaison between The Head of The Children's Foundation, the staff team, Chair and Vice Chair.

### **Policies**

The charity has established a number of core policies relating to the services it provides. The Children's Foundation embraces diversity and attaches great importance to equality of opportunity in the way in which it relates to all of its applicants for funding and support, its employees, project workers, board members, volunteers and all other customers. Members will also be expected to uphold the charity's equality and diversity policy and not to discriminate in any way on the grounds of gender, race, disability, religion or age.

### **DBS verification**

The Children's Foundation ensures that it applies for and adopts enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service requirements whenever appropriate, with all staff required to obtain a basic DBS check as a minimum. Whilst it is normally not necessary for its board members to have DBS clearance the general guidance is that best practice would require a basic check to be undertaken. All staff also complete a confidentiality statement upon appointment and child safeguarding training appropriate to their role.

### **Political neutrality**

The charity conducts its affairs in a non-political way and does not align itself to any political party of policy.

### **Induction training and development**

All Board, staff and volunteers undertake an induction programme and are given a handbook on working with The Children's Foundation, which includes the charity's policies, procedures and current business aims. These policies are reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees.

The charity encourages board members and staff to take advantage of conferences, seminars and training on matters related to the charity's business and relevant legislation.

### **Risk management**

The charity continues to maintain a strict policy with respect to monitoring of reserves. Internal risks are minimised by thorough procedures for the authorisation of all transactions and project funding, with regular assessments by the Board to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity.

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**Insurance**

The charity has the following insurance that covers Board Members and decisions of the Board:

- Public Liability insurance
- Employers' Liability insurance
- Trustee indemnity insurance

**Group structure**

The Children's Foundation Limited has one subsidiary, "**The Children's Foundation Trading Limited**" over which it has deemed control by virtue of having two common directors. This subsidiary is currently dormant.

**Investment policy**

The charity is able to make any investment it sees fit under its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

**Grant Making policy**

The Children's Foundation can award grants through two committees:

**The Regional Small Grants Panel (RSG).** The RSG awards small grants to projects which fit within the aims of The Children's Foundation. The panel consists of representatives from local business, volunteers and a Vice President of The Children's Foundation. Applications are assessed in relation to evaluation criteria.

**Research Advisory Panel (RAP).** The RAP allocates grant awards to support research that will make a significant contribution to the health and wellbeing of children and young people. The RAP panel is currently not sitting since the awarding of the last grant.

**Valuation of benefits in kind**

Where gifts in kind have a face value such as a voucher, this is used as the valuation basis. For other donated items, an assessment of the value is made on the basis of the likely purchase price. In line with FRS 102 Regulations time provided by general volunteers is not given a value in the accounts however the generosity is greatly appreciated by the charity.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities Statement**

The trustees (who are also directors of The Children's Foundation Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and;
- that trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

## **Acknowledgments of Support**

### **Trusts**

The Children's Foundation would like to make special mention of the following Trusts and Foundations who have given significant support throughout the year:

The RFF Gibson Trust  
The Joseph Strong Frazer Trust  
Aviva Community Fund  
The Hedley Denton Charitable Trust  
Hays Travel Foundation  
County Durham Community Foundation's Durham University Charity Committee Funding Programme  
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust  
The Hospital Saturday Fund  
Sir John Priestman Charitable Trust  
The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation  
Co-op Local Community Fund  
Community Foundation John Bell Fund  
Co-op Foundation

### **Fundraising**

The charity continues to raise funds to support its projects via individual giving, events, corporate support and trust and foundation grants.

### **Related parties**

None of the trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from the work with the Foundation. Upon joining the Board trustees are asked to disclose any declarations of interest, this declaration of interest opportunity is also replicated and recorded within the minutes of each individual board meeting.

### **Auditors**

The Children's Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank the auditors Haines Watts for their help in preparing and auditing the accounts.

### **Trusteeship**

The Children's Foundation would like to thank all board members, who give up their time on a voluntary basis for the benefit of the charity, for their support, guidance and commitment throughout the year.



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**Staff**

The Children's Foundation would like to thank all members of staff for their support and hard work. In addition it has had great support from Olivia Colquhoun and Oluwanisola Oyefeko, who joined the team as student placements from Sunderland University.

**Volunteers**

The Children's Foundation is supported by many volunteers who play an important part at events, collections, in the office and in helping to deliver the charity's message to the community with over 1,400 volunteer hours over the year.

Once again there was an amazing level of commitment from volunteers over the Christmas period supporting the Christmas wrap stand and carol singing, along with support with local bag packs. The charity would like to thank the organisations whose staff took part in this under their Corporate Volunteering initiatives. Strategic volunteer support over the last year has continued through relationships with local Universities, and regular office volunteers assist with Ebay donations and associated sales.

**Events**

The Children's Foundation was involved in a number of successful fund-raising events during the year which raised vital income for the charity. This included the Great North Run which saw 47 people run for the charity.

During the year the charity continued its excellent relationship with Sunderland University with another set of students taking place in the Take £25 fundraising challenge. Twenty-four teams were involved this year in the event which sees teams of students battling to see who can raise the most with a £25 opening fund. The winning team raised a staggering £965.

The charity would like to express a huge thanks to Sunderland University for allowing us to incorporate the challenge into the student's degree modules and for their great support during the process.

The festive fundraising period was a great success again with the charity raising funds through carol singing and the fantastic gift wrapping stand. This year, as well as the famous stand in Eldon Square, Newcastle there was another great wrap stand in The Bridges Sunderland. Thanks to the generosity of people from across the North East over £5,000 was raised on the wrap stands and almost £2,000 from carol singing. The Children's Foundation benefitted from 276 hours of volunteer time supporting the Christmas activities.

**Community**

The Children's Foundation would like to thank everyone in the community who has worked in lots of ways to raise money for the Children's Foundation over the past year.

A special thank you goes to a number of individuals who have helped the Foundation raise funds by organising community events and completing personal challenges. In particular great thanks go to Dr. Gitika Banerjee, Norman Bloomfield and Joanne Pybus and Kath Wilson from the British Show Pony Society, all of whom have supported the charity for many years.

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Several schools, colleges and universities have also been involved, either by directly fundraising or helping at events for The Children's Foundation such as carol singing. One example over the year has been a fantastic fashion show held by students at St Aidans College, Durham who raised over £6,000 for the charity.

Other education establishments who have been a great support are:

Hatfield College, Durham University  
Albany Village Primary School  
Bach Choir  
Dame Allans Junior School  
George Washington Primary School  
Newcastle University Students Union  
Richard Avenue Primary School  
Sacred Heart Primary School  
Southlands School  
Southwick Primary school  
St Benet's School  
St Mary's R.C. Primary School  
St Bedes Washington  
St Joseph's Primary School in Washington Village  
St Lawrence's School  
St Bartholomew's Primary school  
Sunningdale School  
Sunderland University  
Swing Bridge Singers  
Walbottle School  
Wessington Primary School

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The charity has also had support from a number of Groups and Associations from across the North East. These included:

Belmont Parish Council  
British Show Pony Society  
Broomhaugh and Riding Parish Council  
Broomley Parish Council  
Chapman Tai Chi  
Cowpen Village Lodge  
Greater Willington Parish Council  
Heddon Juniors Football Club  
Murton Parish Council  
National Citizens Service  
North Lodge Parish Council  
Penshaw Catholic Women's Guild  
South Hetton Parish Council  
St Cuthberts Church  
Swing Bridge Singers  
University of the Third Age

**Corporate fundraising**

The Children's Foundation is very grateful to the North East business community which has been extremely supportive of the charity's projects and events.

The charity would like to express a special thank you to Sirius Market Access who raised over £5,000 during the year in which TCF was their chosen charity. Thanks also go to NC Insurance who have chosen TCF as their current Charity of the Year and are fundraising actively with a #WearHappy Day, by joining the corporate bowling evening and entering a runner into the Great North Run.

The charity would once again like to thank the management and staff of intu Eldon Square for their amazing, continued support, hosting the Christmas wrapping stand and sponsoring the annual Stars Awards Event.

Thanks also go to The Bridges, Sunderland for their support with Christmas activities held in the centre.

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Companies who have supported The Children's Foundation through staff fundraising, by supporting events or with other donations this year are:

Asda Foundation  
Barclays  
Brewin Dolphin  
Clarke Mairs LLP  
Elanders  
Irwin Mitchell  
KFC Add Hope  
aersk DrillingNC Insurance  
New Philanthropy Capital  
One Great Day at the Beacon Centre  
Passport Office  
Pearson Caulfield  
PWC Foundation  
Royal IHC Ltd  
Sintons  
Sirius Market Access  
SOS Group  
Station Taxis Sunderland Ltd  
Tynexe Ltd  
Venator Materials  
Virgin Money

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The Children's Foundation has been grateful to receive support in-kind from many different companies and individuals including:-

Alnmouth Golf Club  
Alnwick Garden  
Asda  
Bedlam Paintball Group  
Boots (Eldon Square, Newcastle)  
Clip n' Climb  
Close House Golf  
Dominoes  
Empire Cinema  
Fenwicks  
Garesfield Golf Club  
Hexham Golf Club  
Jesmond Dene House Hotel  
John Lewis (Eldon Square, Newcastle)  
JS Workwear  
Just Balloons  
Kielder Water & Forest Park  
Kirkley Hall  
Living North  
Lollo Rosso Restaurant  
Longhirst Golf Club  
Marks and Spencer Northumberland Street  
Metro Radio  
Michael James Artwork  
Morrisons  
Mr Petit  
Namco  
Primitive Sense  
Sainsburys (Central Station)  
Saltburn Golf Club  
Silksworth sports complex and ski slope  
Teesside Golf Club  
Tesco Express Percy Street  
The Frame House  
Tropical Wholefoods  
Washington Wetlands  
Wynyard Golf Club

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**Trustees' report (Continued)**  
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Ongoing gratitude goes to Glen Wheeler of Primitive Sense who continues to support the updates and maintenance of The Children's Foundation's website free of charge.

The Children's Foundation is very much an independent charity that recognises that it could not exist without the enormous support it receives from a wide range of people and organisations. The Board of Trustees is very grateful to everyone who has supported the charity in the past year, be they a committed corporate supporter, a volunteer, or someone who has donated to one of its collections.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf:

  
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Dianne Windship  
Acting Chair

Date: 14/08/19.  
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**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of The Children's Foundation Limited**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2019**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Children's Foundation Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2019, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of The Children's Foundation Limited (Continued)**  
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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 13, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



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**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Donna Bulmer BA (Hons) ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**For and on behalf of Haines Watts**

19 September 2019

**Statutory Auditors**

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**Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2019**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	61,596	54,545	116,141	192,911
Charitable activities	5	-	-	-	1,320
Other trading activities	6	22,765	-	22,765	35,417
Investment income	7	748	-	748	607
Other income		3,531	-	3,531	2,209
<b>Total income</b>		<b>88,640</b>	<b>54,545</b>	<b>143,185</b>	<b>232,464</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	8	62,295	-	62,295	62,924
Charitable activities	9	74,849	73,758	148,607	132,947
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>137,144</b>	<b>73,758</b>	<b>210,902</b>	<b>195,871</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>( 48,504 )</b>	<b>( 19,213 )</b>	<b>( 67,717 )</b>	<b>36,593</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		387,182	131,397	518,579	481,986
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>338,678</b>	<b>112,184</b>	<b>450,862</b>	<b>518,579</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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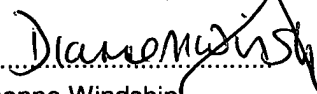
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 March 2019**

	Notes	£	2019 £	£	2018 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	14		247,633		253,192
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	3,881		7,346	
Cash at bank and in hand		221,810		284,184	
<b>Total current assets</b>		225,691		291,530	
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	( 22,462 )		( 26,143 )	
<b>Net current assets</b>			203,229		265,387
<b>Net assets</b>			450,862		518,579
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Restricted funds			112,180		131,397
Unrestricted funds			78,783		107,824
Designated funds			259,899		279,358
<b>Total charity funds</b>	17		450,862		518,579

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....14/08/19.....  
2019 and are signed on their behalf by:

.....  
Dianne Windship  
Acting Chair

**Company Number: 04419980**

The notes on pages 26 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

## **1. Accounting Policies**

### **1.1 Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin and published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Children's Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

### **1.2 Going concern**

The trustees believe that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. However, should sufficient continuing finance not be available, the going concern basis would be invalid and adjustments would have to be made to provide for any further liabilities which might arise to reclassify fixed assets and long term liabilities as current assets and liabilities.

### **1.3 Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and comprise funds which have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of material restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

### **1.4 Consolidation**

In the opinion of the directors, the company and its subsidiary undertakings comprise a small group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts.

### **1.5 Cash flow statement**

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement because the charitable company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirements to prepare such a statement.

**Notes to the financial statements (*Continued*)**  
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**1.6 Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Grants receivable for specific purposes or projects are held within restricted funds.
- For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

**1.7 Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity, including those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of raising funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable expenditure comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one year or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled conditions attaching to that grant are outside of the control of the charity.

**1.8 Donated facilities and services**

Donated facilities and services which otherwise the charity would have purchased are measured and valued in the accounts on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. The items are recognised immediately as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense. In accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time is not recognised; refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

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**1.9 Fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. Fixtures and fittings are stated at cost on acquisition less depreciation.

A policy of revaluation of the leasehold property is in place. The asset will be revalued on a rolling basis over a five year period to ensure the carrying amount does not differ materially from the fair value of the asset. The leasehold property is carried at the revalued amount, being its fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost/valuation of tangible fixed assets less residual value by equal annual instalments over their estimated useful lives. The depreciation rates used are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	10% reducing balance
Leasehold property	-	straight line over 50 years

Computer equipment such as laptops which are felt to have a relatively short lifespan are charged directly against income and are not capitalised.

**1.10 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.11 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.12 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

**1.13 Pensions**

In line with the requirements of auto-enrolment the charitable company contributes to a pension scheme. Pension costs charged to the SOFA represent the contributions payable by the charity in the year.

**1.14 Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**1.15 Taxation**

As a registered charity, The Children's Foundation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

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**2. Legal status of the charity**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

**3. Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2018 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	4	127,286	65,625	192,911
Charitable activities	5	-	1,320	1,320
Other trading activities	6	35,417	-	35,417
Investment income	7	607	-	607
Other income		2,168	41	2,209
<b>Total income</b>		<b>165,478</b>	<b>66,986</b>	<b>232,464</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	8	62,924	-	62,924
Charitable activities	9	65,258	67,689	132,947
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>128,182</b>	<b>67,689</b>	<b>195,871</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>37,296</b>	<b>( 703 )</b>	<b>36,593</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		349,886	132,100	481,986
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>387,182</b>	<b>131,397</b>	<b>518,579</b>

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**4. Donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2019 £</b>	<b>Total 2018 £</b>
Donations - Individual	31,802	981	32,783	23,414
Donations – Corporate	14,187	8,590	22,777	53,318
Legacies	9,049	-	9,049	-
Grants	2,750	43,816	46,566	107,827
Gifts in kind	3,808	1,158	4,966	8,352
	<u>61,596</u>	<u>54,545</u>	<u>116,141</u>	<u>192,911</u>

**Grants received in the year;**

	<b>£</b>
The RFF Gibson Trust	1,000
The Joseph Strong Frazer Trust	1,000
Aviva Community Fund	750
The Hedley Denton Charitable Trust	1,000
Hays Travel Foundation	2,860
County Durham Community Foundation's Durham University Charity Committee Funding Programme	1,000
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	3,000
The Hospital Saturday Fund	2,000
Sir John Priestman Charitable Trust	4,500
The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation	2,000
Co-op Local Community Fund	7,366
Community Foundation John Bell Fund	15,090
Co-op Foundation	5,000
	<u>46,566</u>



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**5. Income on charitable activities**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Services	-	1,320
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**6. Other trading income**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Event income	22,765	35,417
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**7. Investment income**

All of the charitable company's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

**8. Expenditure on raising funds**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salary costs	48,942	46,587
Fundraising	13,137	16,121
Other	216	216
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>62,295</b>	<b>62,924</b>
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Notes to the financial statements (*Continued*)  
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9. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grants payable £	Support costs £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<b><u>Aim 1: Research</u></b>					
Research General	790	7,540	851	9,181	5,335
Minding Matters	7,441	5,250	6,527	19,218	16,801
<b><u>Aim 2: Service Delivery</u></b>					
Clown Doctors	6,198	20,142	4,824	31,164	34,324
Regional V-Pods	1,780	17,350	1,703	20,833	3,455
Great North Children's Hospital	263	-	284	547	1,045
<b><u>Aim 3: Partnerships</u></b>					
DASL <sup>NE</sup>	263	-	284	547	2,941
Stars Awards	3,607	102	1,703	5,412	4,995
'Our Garden'	-	-	-	-	932
Adamson Scholarship	5,428	18,835	4,824	29,087	37,976
Regional small grants	3,423	12,608	3,689	19,720	18,918
Nuture project	6,555	-	2,837	9,392	6,225
Footsteps	1,994	661	851	3,506	-
	<u>37,742</u>	<u>82,488</u>	<u>28,377</u>	<u>148,607</u>	<u>132,947</u>

Grants payable

Paid to institutions

	£
Regional Small Grants panel	12,608
Research Advisory panel	7,540
	<u>20,148</u>

No grants were made to individuals in the period.

The Regional Small Grants panel have provided grants to 13 organisations of under £2,500 during the year.

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**10. Support costs**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salary costs	14,513	18,646
Admin costs	3,771	2,624
Other costs	394	876
Governance (note 11)	9,700	11,090
	<u>28,378</u>	<u>33,236</u>

Support costs are allocated based on an element of staff time spent on supporting the organisation as well as costs directly incurred in relation to governance.

**11. Governance costs**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salary costs	6,700	8,090
Audit fee	3,000	3,000
	<u>9,700</u>	<u>11,090</u>

**12. Net income/(expenditure) for the year**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	5,559	5,347
Auditor's remuneration	3,000	3,000
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**13. Staff costs and numbers**

Staff costs were as follows:

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	90,197	87,262
Social security costs	3,728	3,450
Other pension costs	2,557	1,625
	<u>96,482</u>	<u>92,337</u>

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Head of department	1	1
Administrative	5	4
	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

During the year, trustees received no remuneration or any reimbursement of expenses.

The trustees consider trustees and the director of operations to be the key management personnel for the charity. The aggregate remuneration (including all benefits) paid to them during the year amounted to £25,042 (2018 - £35,786). During the year the director of operations resigned and the position had not been replaced before the year end, resulting in a decline in the amount to disclose for key management personnel.

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**14. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Leasehold buildings £</b>	<b>Fixtures &amp; fittings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost/valuation</b>			
As at 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019	260,000	92,479	352,479
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 31 March 2018	10,400	88,887	99,287
Charge for the year	5,200	359	5,559
At 31 March 2019	15,600	89,246	104,846
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2019	244,400	3,233	247,633
At 31 March 2018	249,600	3,592	253,192

Leasehold buildings were subject to a professional valuation at 15 February 2017 following a complete review by the trustees of the charity's future strategies. The valuation was undertaken by Knight Frank on the market value basis.

There is no difference between the reported result and the historical cost of the leasehold property for the year.

**15. Debtors**

	<b>2019 £</b>	<b>2018 £</b>
Trade debtors	320	300
Other debtors	2,192	4,630
Prepayments and accrued income	1,369	2,416
	3,881	7,346

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**16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade creditors	13,440	16,718
Taxation and social security	1,642	550
Other creditors and accruals	7,380	8,875
	<u>22,462</u>	<u>26,143</u>

**17. Analysis of funds**

*For the year ended 31 March 2019*

	Balance 31 March 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Funds 31 March 2019 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	107,824	88,640	( 111,441 )	( 6,240 )	78,783
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets	253,192	-	( 5,559 )	-	247,633
Research fund	7,800	-	( 7,540 )	-	260
Clown doctors	2,134	-	( 2,130 )	-	4
Regional V-Pods	1,230	-	( 1,230 )	-	-
Regional small grants fund	15,002	-	( 9,240 )	6,240	12,002
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>387,182</u>	<u>88,640</u>	<u>( 137,140 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>338,682</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
<u>Aim 1 – Research</u>					
Because Minding Matters	12,317	13,856	( 6,636 )	-	19,537
<u>Aim 2 – Service Delivery</u>					
Clown Doctors	10,990	17,218	( 19,734 )	-	8,474
Regional V-Pods	15,236	2,000	( 16,320 )	-	916
Great North Hospital	2,074	-	-	-	2,074
<u>Aim 3 – Partnerships</u>					
DASL <sup>NE</sup>	1,063	-	-	-	1,063
Star Awards	1,369	1,158	( 2,130 )	-	397
Adamson Scholarship	75,980	223	( 19,787 )	-	56,416
Regional small grants	3,368	-	( 3,368 )	-	-
Nuture project	9,000	15,090	( 3,922 )	-	20,168
Footsteps	-	5,000	( 1,865 )	-	3,135
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>131,397</u>	<u>54,545</u>	<u>( 73,762 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,180</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>518,579</u>	<u>143,185</u>	<u>( 210,902 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,862</u>

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**17. Analysis of funds (Continued)**

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	Balance 31 March 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Funds 31 March 2018 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	67,932	165,478	( 109,574 )	( 16,012 )	107,824
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets	258,791	-	( 5,599 )	-	253,192
Research fund	8,161	-	( 361 )	-	7,800
Clown doctors	-	-	-	2,134	2,134
Regional V-Pods	-	-	-	1,230	1,230
Regional small grants fund	15,002	-	( 12,648 )	12,648	15,002
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>349,886</b>	<b>165,478</b>	<b>( 128,182 )</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>387,182</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
<u>Aim 1 – Research</u>					
General research fund	1,839	-	( 1,839 )	-	-
Because Minding Matters	11,412	7,256	( 6,351 )	-	12,317
<u>Aim 2 – Service Delivery</u>					
Clown Doctors	23,407	14,070	( 26,487 )	-	10,990
Regional V-Pods	9,756	5,800	( 320 )	-	15,236
Great North Hospital	2,074	-	-	-	2,074
<u>Aim 3 – Partnerships</u>					
DASL <sup>ne</sup>	1,391	-	( 328 )	-	1,063
Star Awards	1,229	2,000	( 1,860 )	-	1,369
Our Garden	410	-	( 410 )	-	-
Adamson Scholarship	77,214	27,860	( 29,094 )	-	75,980
Regional small grants	3,368	-	-	-	3,368
Nuture project	-	10,000	( 1,000 )	-	9,000
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>132,100</b>	<b>66,986</b>	<b>( 67,689 )</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>131,397</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>481,986</b>	<b>232,464</b>	<b>( 195,871 )</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>518,579</b>

**17. Analysis of funds (*Continued*)**

<b>Name of fund</b>	<b>Description, nature and purposes of the fund</b>
General fund	The 'free reserves' after allowing for all designated funds
<u>Designated funds</u>	
Capital assets	Fixed assets are disclosed in note 14 of the accounts
The other designated funds relate to the continuation of restricted projects noted below.	
<u>Research funds</u>	
Research general fund	Funding academic research into children's disabilities and disorders
Because Minding Matters	Aiming to improve the emotional and mental health of children and young people in the regime
Clown Doctors fund	Providing therapeutic play to children in hospital to ease stress and aid recovery
Regional V. Pods	Funding specialist 3D equipment to hospitals to support children during medical procedures
Great North Hospital	Supporting GNCH with equipment to ease a child's hospital experience
DASL NE fund	Gathering information on children with ASD in the region and supporting families with workshops and information
Star Awards	Celebrating the achievements of children with disabilities and their families, friends and carers
Our Garden	Funding a horticulture project for children who may be experiencing barriers to learning in a conventional classroom
Adamson Scholarship	Providing training and experience to young people to enable them to seek qualifications and pursue a career in horticulture
Regional small grants fund	Offering small grants to community projects working with children and young people in the region
Nuture Project	Aiming to provide therapeutic opportunities for students with ASD



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**18. Analysis of net assets between funds**

Year ended 31 March 2019

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	247,633	-	247,633
Current assets	113,507	112,184	225,691
Current liabilities	( 22,462 )	-	( 22,462 )
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>338,678</b>	<b>112,184</b>	<b>450,862</b>

Year ended 31 March 2018

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	253,192	-	253,192
Current assets	160,133	131,397	291,530
Current liabilities	( 26,143 )	-	( 26,143 )
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>387,182</b>	<b>131,397</b>	<b>518,579</b>

**19. Pension commitments**

The company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £2,557 (2018 - £1,625). Contributions totalling £208 (2018 - £94) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

**20. Related party transactions**

There have been no related party transactions during the year (2018 – none).